

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SWIC)  
EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)**

July 25, 2013

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Room 130

Indianapolis, IN

**Present:** Dan Clark, Leroy Jackson, Rebecca Nickoli, Derek Redelman

**Conference Call:** --

**Absent:** Dennis Rohrs, Tim Skinner

Also present from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Marie Mackintosh, Brenda Johnson, Keith Chandler, Melissa Wafford, Anna Deputy and Donna Lovelady.

At 8:33 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dan Clark.

**High School Equivalency Assessment (HSEA) RFP Update**

Marie Mackintosh reported that many people attended the vendor meeting. The evaluation scores were submitted to the Indiana Department of Administration on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Public misinformation needs to be addressed concerning the transition to either a different assessment or the computer-based GED; costs; and access by students.

*Discussion*

The credential, not the assessment, needs to be accepted and portable. The current assessment, the General Educational Development tests (GED), is used for employment, post-secondary education and the military. Most places will accept the state-approved credential, regardless the assessment used. The HSEA chosen will align with common core, but can be revised if Indiana changes direction on these standards.

**INTraining Report; Provider and Program Review; Monthly Training Report**

Keith Chandler and Melissa Wafford, DWD, will be taking the lead on INTraining. Handouts were provided for the ten Provider Site Visit reports. All providers passed DWD and Department of Revenue (DOR) clearance checks, are duly registered with the State Attorney General's Office to do business with Indiana and had no complaints lodged with the Better Business Bureau. Committee member Derek Redelman abstained from voting on Ready Indiana due to his involvement with it. Leroy Jackson moved to approve Ready Indiana as a provider; Rebecca Nickoli seconded the motion and it was carried.

All members voted on the remaining nine providers as a group: Leroy Jackson made the motion to approve the providers; Derek Redelman seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

PROVIDERS APPROVED EN BLOC	
Columbus Regional Hospital	Lafayette Adult Resource Academy
Cincinnati Labor Agency for Social Services-Greensburg	Indiana University Health White Memorial Hospital
Cincinnati Labor Agency for Social Services-Scottsburg	Hentz Manufacturing, LLC
Lifestyle Homecare	Save Our Veterans
IAGO/Youth Build	

Brenda Johnson reported that, based on the site visit, Workplace Safety Training is not prepared to start at this time. No vote was taken and Keith Chandler said he would inform the provider that the approval decision was tabled until such time the training provider was prepared to offer training.

Brenda Johnson next presented the WorkINDiana Stats by Region report. Mr. Redelman asked if the length of the programs were available. Ms. Johnson replied that yes it was possible to get the length of each program. Marie Mackintosh commented that the average training time is fourteen weeks. Rebecca Nickoli asked what percent of “completers” (those who finish the training) earn a certificate. Ms. Mackintosh said that certification rates will be available at the next ERC meeting.

DWD staff recommended the removal of two certifications from the WorkINDiana framework: American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB) certification and the IRS Certification. Only professional accountants with years of experience are allowed to take the AIPB examination and earn the certification. WorkINDiana students are attempting to enter the accounting field and would not have the professional accounting experience required to take the examination. The IRS Certification has been on the framework for twelve months with no providers or interested students. Rebecca Nickoli moved that these two certifications be removed from the WorkINDiana framework and Derek Redelman seconded it. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.

It was announced that the WorkINDiana Summit will be held on August 16, 2013, and all were encouraged to attend.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.